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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/594,186  
Applicants : Jose Barosa Mendes, Jr. and  
Milton Tatsuo Tanaka  
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**AMENDMENT B**

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 18, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 18, 2008. This Amendment is being filed within three months of the mailing date of the Office Action. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.